PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: ELECTRON BEAM OR X-RAY NEGATIVE-WORKING RESIST COMPOSITION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003. A Petition for a one month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before February 23, 2004 (February 22, 2004 being a Sunday). Please enter and consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-9 and 11-17 are all the claims pending in the application. 11-17 are allowed. The Examiner has withdrawn the rejections based on Wakata et al and Wakata et al in view of Banks et al and has made a new rejection based on a newly cited reference, Imai et al.